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Stephen J. Williams et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Applicant respectfully petitions for a five (5) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action issued on April 17, 2003, in the above-captioned patent application. A check for the extension fee of \$2,010.00 is enclosed. If our check is missing or otherwise insufficient, or if any additional fees are required, please charge (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. With this extension, the deadline for filing the required response will be October 17, 2003.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant respectfully responds to the Office Action dated April 17, 2003, in the following manner. In the April 17, 2003 Office Action, the Examining Attorney indicated that she believed that the application, as filed, constituted two distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C.

121 and required that applicant elect one of said identified inventions.


Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute the invention of Species I (Claims 15-21, 23-26 and 35), without prejudice to prosecuting the remaining claims in an appropriate divisional application. However, Applicant respectfully submits that restriction is not appropriate here because unelected and elected claims are so highly related that search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. *See* MPEP section 803.

RESPONSE TO TERMINAL DISCLAIMER REQUIREMENT

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that the previously filed disclaimer did not identify the patent number. Applicant has resolved this matter by filing herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) stating that U.S. Patent No. 6,016,929 is commonly owned with this application.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action have been addressed and resolved by this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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